

WOMAN SHOTS ARMY CAPTAIN

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TEAWAN, ASYLUM.

CHARGES IMPROPER CONDUCT

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Macon, Ga.—Capt. Edgar J. Spratling of F company, fifth regiment, national guard of Georgia, was shot and killed in his tent at the state mobilization camp here by Mrs. H. C. Adams of Atlanta.

At the county jail, where she is held on a charge of murder, Mrs. Adams asserted that Capt. Spratling, who was a physician, had offended her by attentions paid her several weeks ago while she was in his office in Atlanta for treatment.

According to Lieut. Samuel A. Kyser of F company, who seized her a moment after the shooting, she cried out as she shot the officer: "You have ruined my home."

After the shooting she seemed hysterical. She said afterwards she had never before seen Capt. Spratling in his uniform, but that he had treated her for nervous trouble.

Referring again to the shooting, she declared: "I decided that there was but one thing for me to do, and I did it. When the testimony comes out I feel sure the public will be with me."

Capt. Spratling, who was 47 years old, and married, was well known in medical and social circles in Atlanta. He was regarded as an expert on insanity and once was connected with the Matthews (N. Y.) asylum in that capacity.

Flags were placed at half mast in the state camp and preparations made to take the officer's body to Atlanta under military escort. His fellow officers indicate a belief that some nervous disorder had caused the woman to think the physician-officer had acted improperly toward her.

REPORT GERMAN CROPS GAIN

Yield of Grain Reported to Be Especially Large Due to Intensive Farming.

Berlin, Germany.—Reports on conditions in the central empire, received from thousands of communities at the ministry of the interior, indicate that Germany (outside of the occupied territory and not counting the shipments of grain from Roumania) will garner a harvest exceeding the 1915 yield by fully 70 per cent. This prediction is based on sectional forecasts and on samples of threshing tests.

When the official figures are made public the world at large will learn that Germany's 1916 crop of wheat, rye, oats, barley and potatoes is such that the prospect of the allies regarding the starvation of Germany is made to look ridiculous, it is stated.

GERMAN SHIP AT NEW LONDON

Left Boston Thursday—Intended Vessel at Port Where Bremen Is Expected.

New London, Conn.—The German steamer Wilhelm, which was interned at Boston at the outbreak of the war and which sailed from Boston Thursday, arrived here yesterday.

The Wilhelm proceeded directly to the state pier, on which are new storage sheds of the Eastern Forwarding Co., the American agency of the German line of submarine merchantmen. These sheds are supposed to have built for the cargo of the submarine Bremen, said to be on the way here.

Army Needs Business Men.

Chicago.—Big business men of Chicago are being urged to accept commissions in the new quartermaster's reserve corps authorized by congress. Col. Daniel E. McCarthy, department quartermaster, sent 200 letters to men who are nationally prominent in industry.

Fugitive Caught in West.

North Yakima, Wash.—J. M. Ford, formerly of Cassville, Mo., was arrested here on an eight-year-old forgery charge and is on his way back to Cassville for trial. At Yakima he had been going under the name of C. C. Hardcastle, and had prospered in the farming business.

Replace Every Ship Sunk.

Copenhagen.—Germany is ready for the competition of the seas which will take place after the war, declares Philip Heineken, director of the North German-Lloyd Steamship Co., in an interview in the Politiken. Every ship destroyed during the war has been replaced, he said.

Murderer Sells for Orient.

Vancouver, B. C.—Former Representative Victor Murdoch, the Kansas Progressive leader, has sailed for a three-month tour of the Orient.

Republicans for Dry State.

San Francisco, N. H.—The Republican state convention is on record as favoring the submission of amendments to the constitution providing state-wide prohibition and votes for women.

Earthquake Shakes Cairo, Ill.

Cairo, Ill.—Cairo was shaken by an earthquake, but there was no damage done. The direction of the shock was northwest-southeast. A low rumbling accompanied the tremor. An earthquake shock was felt here May 21.

CONTRIBUTION FOR FRENCH MORTARS



An official photograph from the British western front showing the moving of mortar ammunition up to the trenches. A bridge has been built over a trench where the men had "dug in."

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HAD BEEN PHYSICIAN FOR MRS. ADAMS.

Officer Killed in Front of Tent at Macon (Ga.) Mobilization Camp.

Macon, Ga.—Capt. E. J. Spratling of F company, fifth infantry of the Georgia national guard, was shot and killed in front of his tent at the state mobilization camp here. Mrs. H. C. Adams of Atlanta was arrested on the statement of several officers and men that she shot the militia officer. She declined to make a statement.

Mrs. Adams was turned over to civil authorities, who placed her in the county jail.

Guardmen at the camp said the woman reached there shortly before noon and at her request was directed to Capt. Spratling's tent. She asked the officer if he was Capt. Spratling, and on being told that he was, she shot him twice with a pistol.

Guardmen then seized her. She gave her Atlanta address and said she was married and had three children. She declined to give her reason for the act.

Had Been Physician for Mrs. Adams. Atlanta, Ga.—H. C. Adams, husband of the woman arrested at Macon, said that his wife had been troubled with nervousness and had been treated by Capt. Spratling, who was a physician in private life. Mrs. Adams told her husband, he said, that she had objected to remarks she said the physician made to her.

REPORTS BREMEN'S CAPTURE

British Ship Officer Quoted as Saying Submarine Was Caught in Straits of Dover.

New York, N. Y.—The New York City News Association, which gathers news for New York newspapers, has quoted an officer of the British merchant marine, who arrived here on board the White Star liner Baltic, as authority for the statement that the German submarine Bremen has been captured by the British and her crew of 35 made prisoners. The Bremen, according to the account, was captured in the Straits of Dover in a steel net on Aug. 2. Two members of her crew lost their lives.

The Bremen, it was said, while enmeshed in the net, was sighted by a British patrol boat, her stern under water and her bow above the surface. After endeavoring for a time to extricate the wreck, the patrol boat steamed away to Dover with her prisoners.

According to the officer quoted, the British government has maintained silence in regard to the capture of another transatlantic submarine, the Amerika, was said to be on the way here and it was hoped to capture her also.

Lehigh to Stop Guardsmen's Pay.

New York.—The Lehigh Valley Railroad announces that its employees doing military duty on the Mexican border have been urged to apply for a discharge under conditions offered by the war department to national guardsmen who have others dependent upon them. Failure to do so, the company informed its men, will be interpreted to mean that they prefer military service and their pay from the company will cease on Sept. 15.

Christmas Ship to Alaska.

Seattle, Wash.—A Christmas ship is on her way from Seattle to Alaska. She is the motor ship Kuskokwim River, which is headed for the stream whose name she bears. Her cargo includes Christmas toys and gifts, in destined for self-governed points far up the Kuskokwim and other places in the interior.

Three Trainmen Killed.

Easton, Pa.—Three trainmen were killed in a wreck on the Lehigh & New England Railroad near here.

Assistant of Edison Dies.

Orange, N. J.—Edwin Hoyer, 59, for 20 years Thomas A. Edison's chief mechanical engineer in the laboratory at the West Orange plant, who had worked on many of Edison's important discoveries, died here.

Kansas Farmer and Wife Killed.

Osborne, Kan.—The bodies of Henry Miller, a well-known farmer, and his wife were found in a dismantled building on their farm near Stilwell, Kan., after a search was made by officers and neighbors.

FORGED NAME OF HIS BROTHER

EIGHT YEARS AGO.

North Yakima, Wash.—J. M. Ford, who for years has been going under the name of C. C. Hardcastle, a prosperous farmer of the Grenger district, was arrested here by a detective and taken back to Cassville, Mo., to answer a charge of forgery.

It is alleged that he forged the name of his brother-in-law to notes for several thousand dollars eight years ago. Since then the officers have been following many clues.

Finally, a detective, disguised as a lawyer settling up Ford's father's estate, secured entrance to the home of Mrs. Ford's parents in Oklahoma, and while her aged mother was in another room rifled the desk and obtained a letter written by Ford's little girl to her grandparents.

Ford reluctantly admitted his identity when arrested and returned to Missouri without extradition papers, expressing confidence that he could square accounts.

The officers agreed to keep the arrest secret, but facts became known when the Union Bank of Granger applied in court for a receiver for the Ford estate, alleging indebtedness to the bank.

CHILE OFFERS RESCUE SHIP

Chilean Government Puts Yelcho at Disposal of Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Punta Arenas, Chile.—The Chilean government has announced that it has placed the ship Yelcho at the disposal of Sir Ernest Shackleton for another attempt to rescue the members of his South Polar expedition, marooned in Elephant Island.

It is feared here the men may have already died from starvation. In making the announcement the government used the significant phrase, "To rescue the men or the scientific material, if the party has succumbed."

The Yelcho is being stocked with provisions. Shackleton plans to sail within a few days.

\$500,000,000 German Relief Fund.

Berlin.—The amount raised by the German municipalities for the relief of families of soldiers has reached about 2,000,000,000 marks (\$500,000,000). The federal treasury will turn over to the municipalities at a later date 500,000,000 marks.

New U. S. Consul for Moscow.

Washington.—Madden Summers of Nashville, Tenn., acting chief of the bureau of Latin-American affairs in the state department, has been selected for consul general at Moscow, Russia, and will have charge of war prisoners' relief work.

Man and Woman Found Dead.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Thomas Giffith, a prominent ranchman of Falcon, 30 miles east of here, and Mrs. Mary E. Simmons, his housekeeper, were found dead with bullet holes in their heads. Conditions point to murder and suicide.

Germans Blacklist Dutch Firms.

Amsterdam.—Germany has issued a blacklist of certain Dutch firms, which are denied German goods, and that Dutch merchants who supply the blacklisted firms with German goods are threatened with a similar boycott.

Recluse Kills Self.

New York.—Stephen Van Allen, a recluse who for more than two years has been leading a secluded life on his luxurious motor boat, shot himself to death on the boat.

Gorizia Commandant Dismissed.

Berne, Switzerland.—A court martial at Klagenfurt has sentenced Gen. Riedel, in command at Gorizia when the city was captured by Italians, to dismissal from the army and loss of his rank and pension.

British Steamer Founders.

London.—The British steamer Quebec, 2,801 tons, has foundered after striking rocks west of the Big Blasket Island, off the coast of Kerry. Thirty-four of the crew have been landed at Ventry. The captain and two others are missing.

2 DEAD; 18 HURT IN AUTO RACE

SEVEN CARS PILE UP IN FIRST TURN OF "GET AWAY" RACE.

MECHANICIAN DECAPITATED

Accident Occurred When Peacock's Car, Leading in Race, Skidded and Struck Fence at the First Turn.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—Marion Arnold of Chicago and Jack Peacock of Brooklyn were killed and eight of the other drivers and mechanics were injured when 11 racing cars were piled up in a heap at the quarter-mile turn of Recreation Park mile track on the get away for the third annual derby in this city.

The overturning of Sunbeam 12, driven by Peacock, as it rounded the first turn of the second mile, caused the accident. Peacock's car struck the fence, swinging lengthwise across the track, and tipped over on its side.

Track officials made a desperate effort to flag the 13 cars that were thundering up from behind, but without success.

Eleven Cars Piled Up.

Burt's Stutz was the first to strike the wrecked Sunbeam 12. Then nine other cars piled, one after another, in the smoking death heap. Four of the cars were far enough in the rear to avoid smashing into the wreckage.

Track officials made for the pile-up and at the same time the crowds made a rush from the grand stand. When the first reached the scene, Arnold's body was found beneath the battered Stutz, with his head missing.

The injured: F. E. Marquette, Kalamazoo, Peacock's mechanic; skull fractured. W. L. Downs, Kalamazoo, driver of Buick, head cut, unconscious.

Andy Burt, Chicago, driver of Stutz, badly bruised.

Otto Henning, Chicago, driver of Ogren; injured by blow above the groin.

Jimmie Alexander, Sioux City, Ia., mechanic for Billy Chandler; cut and bruised.

Thomas Ball, Coldwater, Mich.; a driver of a Chalmers; back hurt.

Guy Bailey, Coldwater, Mich., mechanic for Ball; face cut and back hurt.

Rev. Dr. T. B. Cleland, 73, Dies. Minneapolis, Minn.—Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Cleland, pastor of the Knox Presbyterian church, and one of the most prominent men in the Presbyterian church, is dead. He was 73 years old. Recently he was afflicted with a stroke of paralysis.

Niagara Lighted at Night.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—The beauty of the falls of Niagara has been rescued from the darkness of night by a flood of electric lights that are hurled against the waters of the American falls by five batteries of lamps at different points on the state reservation.

Tampa Tax Collector Convicted.

Tampa, Fla.—J. L. Hollingsworth, former city tax collector, was found guilty of embezzling city funds. Hollingsworth was charged specifically with the embezzlement of \$235, by a report of the city auditor says \$29,457.29 has been taken. Hollingsworth returned \$5,000 and a bonding company made good the rest.

T. R. Plans Another African Hunt.

Marion, O.—Theodore Roosevelt will depart in December for another hunting trip to Africa, said George Scovill, blacksmith at the Fairbanks Steel Shovel Co., here, and a foreman on Roosevelt's former African trip. Scovill has been hired to go soon after the November election.

\$14,000,000 Once; \$5 Now.

New York.—Patrick Cahoon, the grandson of the famous statesman and prominently identified with the San Francisco street railway system until a few years ago, testified in a receivership proceeding here that \$5 was the only tangible asset remaining of a fortune of \$14,000,000 possessed by him five years ago.

Schools to Keep Closed Until Sept. 18.

Wilmington, Del.—The state board of health forbids the opening of all schools to children under 16 years of age until Sept. 18, because of the prevalence of infantile paralysis. The order applies to churches and Sunday schools.

Cholera Outbreak at Vera Cruz.

Havana.—A quarantine of five days' detention for persons arriving from Vera Cruz has been declared in Cuba on news of a cholera outbreak at the Mexican port.

Louisiana Mob Lynches Negro.

Shreveport, La.—A mob of 1,000 took Jess Hammet, a negro, from the jail at Vivian, 20 miles north of here, and hanged him to a telegraph pole. He was identified by a white woman as the man who had attempted to her, armed with a butcher knife.

Carranza to Call Convention.

Mexico City.—First Chief Carranza will issue within a few days a call for a convention of elected delegates, representing all states in the republic, to meet at Queretaro, probably in October, to ratify decrees issued by him.

\$800,000 Fire in Swift's Chicago Plant.

Chicago.—Fire destroyed two large five-story brick buildings belonging to Swift & Co., at the stockyards, causing a loss estimated at about \$800,000.

HAPPENINGS of the Week IN MISSOURI

Two men held up a train crew at Liberty on the Burlington Railroad recently. A fight followed, in which a negro was knocked down and the hold-up men began shooting at a crowd that collected. One of the men was captured by Officers John Green and John Kennedy after an exciting chase. He gave his name as "Bill" Smith of Los Angeles. The holdup men are believed to be ex-convicts.

Morris Brown, 8 years old, was killed at Stanberry when his horse plunged from a footbridge. The horse's hoofs crushed his skull. The boy had attempted to ride across the bridge on a dare.

When a member of the Warbritton family, southwest of Fulton, went to the well to draw a bucket of water the body of 3-year-old Maxine Benitz of Wathena, Kan., was discovered in the well. The child had been playing about the house half an hour before and had been dead about fifteen minutes when the body was found.

Margaret, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Donovan, north of Chillicothe, while playing with a dynamite cap, lost a thumb and three fingers on her left hand blown off at the first joint and her right eye injured severely.

Rogers, ex-night watchman, who shot Charles Kinkead, city marshal of Lexington, about a year ago, has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Alexander Sioniker, 40 years old, manager of the Mutual Telephone Company of Mound City, was killed the other night by coming into contact with a live wire.

Mrs. Jane Hendricks, mother of Judge Charles A. Hendricks, died yesterday at her home here, where she had resided for fifty years. She was 82 years old.

Seventh District congressional committees at meetings at Sedalia the other afternoon elected officers and state committee members as follows: Democratic committee—Ben F. Morgan, Bolivar, chairman; O. J. Watson, Hermitage, secretary; member of state committee, H. D. Hurst, Springfield, and T. H. Fisher, Marshall. Republican committee—M. L. Francis, Slater, chairman; George Scott, Higginville, secretary; members of state committee, Roscoe C. Patterson, Springfield, and J. H. Bothwell, Sedalia.

Dr. John S. Wallace, Missouri state senator, is dead at Brunswick, from heart disease. He had been ill about a year, but had continued to attend to professional duties.

Walter L. Bales has sold the Excelsior Springs Semi-Weekly Standard to Fred W. Mitchell, recently of Lewistown, Ia., who published his first issue recently. Mr. Bales will go to Colorado.

William T. Young, 90 years old, who served as scout in the Mexican war, is dead at his home in Gallatin. He was present at the taking of Mexico City.

Prof. Frank Lee Martin of the school of journalism and his family have returned from Tokio, Japan, where Professor Martin has been on a year's leave of absence. While in Japan Mr. Martin was on the editorial staff of the Japanese Advertiser, an American newspaper published in Tokio. Professor Martin left here May 10, 1915.

Eighteen oil cars were burned when a train of twenty-three cars was wrecked on the Chicago & Alton near Cedar, five miles east of Higginsville. The caboose also was burned, but no one was injured. One of the tanks exploded while the train was running at full speed.

Mrs. Nancy Cook, 85 years old, who died in Excelsior Springs at the home of a daughter, Mrs. John Odell, had lived in Clay county since her parents came from Kentucky in 1842.

The birds in the poultry plant at California are real high fliers. They have one convenience that no man could have enjoyed fifty years ago. That convenience is electric fans. Electric fans and running water have been installed in the large feeding station of the A. B. Cole & Sons' plant there. Under the spray of a fountain in the feeding station is the favorite haunt of the ducks and geese. The management has found the fans and water of economic value, as it saves the lives of many fowls and makes them fatten faster in the hot weather.

The annual reunion of the ex-Confederates of Missouri will be in Independence, October 5 and 6. It was decided at a meeting of representatives of the state organization and the Independence Daughters of the Confederacy.

Al McDonald, engineer of freight train No. 74, on the Burlington, was killed recently when the engine and train cars slid off a dump near Monroe City. Eugene McKiddy, the forward brakeman, was buried under the engine. The fireman escaped.

Five minutes after he had been elected chairman of the Republican congressional committee of the Fourth district in session at St. Joseph, William H. Kueker of St. Joseph was notified that his brother-in-law, Boone Smith, had been run down and killed by a passenger train near Agency.

Five hundred families were made homeless at Hannibal recently and hundreds of acres of land flooded by a sudden rise in their creek which flows throughout the heart of the city. The flood was due to a four-inch rain.

MAKING RAPID STRIDES

Canada Improving in Every Way—Agriculturally, Commercially and Financially.

The reports coming to hand every day from all branches of industry in Canada speak highly of the constructive ability of that country.

Recently the managing directors of the Canadian Credit Men's Association gave out the statement that business in Western Canada was good. In every branch it is better than in 1913, and everyone will remember that in that year business was excellent. He says:

"The beauty of it is the way in which payments are coming in. Merchants all over the West are taking their cash discounts. Such a transformation I never saw."

"From the records in the office I knew it was getting better. We clear here every retail merchant in the country every three months, and we are therefore in the closest touch and have intimate knowledge of the way trade is going and how payments are being made. Conditions at the present moment are better than I had dreamed it was possible that they should be."

"The statements which we are receiving with reference to the standing of country merchants indicates that there will be very few failures this fall. It is quite remarkable. Men who have been behind for years and in the hole are actually paying spot cash for everything, and taking their cash discounts. Banks and loan companies this fall will have more money than they know what to do with."

"This is about the condition of trade, and I am glad to say there is no exaggeration in what I have said. The business of the prairie provinces is in splendid condition."

Crop reports are also good. From all parts comes the word that the crop conditions were never better, and the situation at the time of writing is that there will be fully as great a yield as in 1915, when the average of wheat over the entire country was upwards of 30 bushels per acre. The harvest therefore will be a heavy one, and following the magnificent harvest of last year, the farmers of Western Canada will all be in splendid shape. Old indebtednesses, much of which followed them from their old homes, are being wiped out, improvements are now being planned, and additional acres added to their present holdings.

During the past year there was a large increase in the land sales both by the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern land companies, as well as by private individuals. A great many of the purchases were made by farmers who thus secured adjoining quarters or halves, the best evidence probably that could be had of the value of Western Canada land when those who know the country best are adding to their holdings. A number of outsiders have also been purchasers, but very little land has changed hands for speculative purposes.

An evidence of the prosperity of the country is found in the fact that such a large number of farmers are purchasing automobiles.

Alleged hard times in Manitoba have not dampened the ardor of motorists or prospective ones. The automobile license department reported a few days since that there are 1,000 more private owners of cars in the province this year than last. The number of licenses issued this year was 10,400, as against 8,800 last year. At an average cost of \$1,000 each the newly purchased cars represent a total outlay of \$10,400,000, while the total number of cars in the province are worth approximately \$10,000,000. The new cars are of modern types.

Many people, for some unexplained reason, have feared and continue to fear that this country will experience a period of industrial and business dullness after the war. There seems to be no justification for such a speculation.

On the contrary, there are sound reasons for belief in the prediction of Mr. Kingman Nott Robbins, vice president of the Farm Mortgage Bankers' Association of America, who, in the Monetary Times, declares that Canada will experience her greatest proportionate development in production immediately after the conclusion of the war. The country will certainly have exceptionally favorable commercial conditions to take advantage of.

There will be the great need of Europe in the work of reconstruction.

CHILDISH FEARS VERY REAL

Parents Are Apt to Underestimate Their Effect on the Minds of the Little Ones.

The mother knew that her son had been afraid of the dark for years, but had thought him long cured of it because he always went up to bed at night alone with his younger brother. So she refused to go upstairs with him or let his brother go, as Peter was amusing the company at that moment Jack went out and was gone such a long time that finally the mother was alarmed and went to see what was the matter. She found the boy crouched half way up the stairs, slowly creeping up, but plainly terrified. When he saw her he had started to cry convulsively and said that something was hiding at the top of the stairs, ending his statement with "but you told me to go, mother, so I'm going." It was the truest form of bravery, because he was slowly going right on up, although almost scared to death.

Anything that might produce fear in the child's mind should be avoided like the plague, for it is just as disastrous to the child's mentality as some dread disease might be to his body.

Take, for instance, the practice on the part of really kind-hearted parents of throwing a child in the water to teach him to swim. This severe method may succeed in certain cases, but its usual effect is to teach the child not only to dread and fear the water for years, but also to lose his confidence and trust in his parents.

Be careful to keep fear from your children's minds.

and along with this, the natural tendency of the allies to trade among themselves, and perhaps special trading privileges. Mr. Robbins points out that the greatest development in the United States followed the costly and destructive civil war.

Mr. Robbins, in an address before the Bondmen's Club of Chicago, expressed the opinion of a far-thinking mind and the review of an experience of the last of his numerous trips through the Canadian West. When he said he regarded the spirit of the Canadian people, as he found it, the most admirable and encouraging feature of the entire situation. They are facing the sacrifices of war courageously and with calm confidence as to the result, and in similar spirit they face the economic future, confident, but expecting to solve their problems only by dint of hard and intelligent effort.

An important part of Mr. Robbins' address, which invites earnest attention, is that in which he refers to the land situation, and when his remarks are quoted they carry with them the impression gained by one who has given the question the careful thought of a man experienced in economic questions, and specially those relating to soil and its production. He is quoted as saying:

"Agricultural Canada was never so prosperous, and immigration of agricultural population both during and after the war seems a logical expectation, finding support in an increasing immigration at present from the United States. In spite of numerous canards spread broadcast